



Year 8 Reading

Recommendations

This reading list has been compiled to challenge and entertain you with a variety of fiction and non fiction books. You can give the books you have read a star rating.

Classics

- The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson-Burnett
- Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson

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Rating

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Historical

- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - John Boyne
- War Horse - Michael Morpurgo
- Goodnight Mr Tom - Michelle Magorian
- The Book Thief - Markus Zusak

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Fantasy

- His Dark Materials - Northern Lights - Philip Pullman
- The Silver Sword - Ian Serrailier
- Skellig - David Almond

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Challenge Yourself

- Metamorphosis - Franz Kafka
- The Fault in our Stars - John Green
- To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee

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Detective/Crime/Spy

- Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz
- Nevermore - James Paterson

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Humour

- The Demon Dentist - David Walliams 4.8
- The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole - Sue Townsend 5.1
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff Kinney 5.2

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Gothic/Horror

- My Swordhand is Singing - Marcus Sedgwick
- The Woman in Black - Susan Hill

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Mythical/Legends

- The Owl Service - Alan Garner
- Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief - Rick Riordan

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Rating



Realism

- Wonder - RJ Palacio
- The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night Time - Mark Haddon

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Dystopian

- Noughts & Crosses - Malorie Blackman
- Divergent - Veronica Roth

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Rating



Sport

- Divided We Fall - Alan Gibbons
- Keeper - Mal Peet

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Magical Realism

- Tom's Midnight Garden - Phillipa Pearce
- Across the Nightingale Floor - Lian Hearn

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Rating



Non Fiction

- I am Malala - Malala Yousafzai

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Rating



Award Winners

- Maggot Moon - Sally Gardner
- Bog Child - Siobhan Dowd
- The Bunker Diary - Kevin Brooks

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Rating



Liked these books? Why don't you try a book by the same author or of the same genre.

Done well on the AR quiz? Challenge yourself and try a book at a higher AR level.